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1. PRM 10/PD 18. HEADLINE TREATMENT EXCERPTS NY TIMES ARTICLE ON PRM 10/PD 18. PRESS EMPHASIZES THAT ALTHOUGH KOREA EXCLUDED FROM US BASE MAINTENANCE LINE, STRIKE FORCE OF 100,000 MEN IS STIPULATED FOR KOREAN CONTINGENCY. ARTICLES SAY US POSITION ON ROK COMMITMENT WAS CONVEYED TO PRC BY BRZEZINSKI. REACTION TO STORY IS VERY MILD: SEOUL SINMUN AND TONGA ILBO SEE "NOTHING NEW"/"NOTHING SURPRISING" IN PRM/PD, NOTING IT SIMPLY CONFIRMS TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLAN. LENGTHY TONGA ILBO COMMENTARY EXPLAINS WHY PRM/PD DOES NOT MEAN REPITITION OF ACHESON LINE. NEGATIVE REACTION FROM RULING PARTY ASSEMBLYMEN CONCERNS US INFORMING PRC ON PD110.

2. M-48 TANKS. OP/WASH WIRE STORY SAYS COMPENSATORY PACKAGE INCLUDES 200 M-48A5 TANKS FOR ROK, ACCORDING TO SFRC/HIRC REPORTS.
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3. ADM WEISNER. WEISNER'S 5/29 PRESS CONFERENCE CARRIED UNDER CAPTIONS "KOREA ALONE CANNOT DETER NK SOUTHWARD INVASION"/ "US AID TO KOREA MUST NOT BE REDUCED." ARTICLES ALSO CITED WEISNER POINTED OUT NECESSITY FOR LARGE-SCALE US AIR/NAVAL/LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO ROK.

4. AMMO. CITING DOD SOURCES, WIRE STORY REPORTS BILL SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS TO INCREASE AMMUNITION STORAGE IN ROK "ENOUGH TO LAST THREE MONTHS."

5. FRASER SUB-COMMITTEE. TONGA ILBO WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT FILES STORY THAT SUB-COMMITTEE SENT QUESTIONAIRES TO 130 US COMPANIES ASKING IF THEY HAD GIVEN MONEY TO ROKG. ACCORDING TO SUB-COMMITTEE SOURCE, REPLIES RECEIVED SO FAR CONTAIN "SURPRISING FACTS." STORY SPECULATES MITSUBISHI US BRANCH OFFICE WILL BE QUESTIONED ABOUT RUMORED \$2.5 MILLION PUT IN BANK ACCOUNT OF A KOREAN IN CONNECTION WITH SUBWAY DEAL.
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